

## **Working Holiday Visa – Letter of Motivation**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to apply for a Working Holiday Visa for Japan.

I first went to Japan in 2017 to study at a language school in Tokyo. I stayed for a year. Most of that time went into studying and getting used to daily life, which left almost no room for travelling outside the Kanto region. I did not mind at the time, but looking back, I realised I had spent a year in a country and only seen a small part of it.

I kept studying Japanese after coming back, first in an LEA programme combining English and Japanese, then in an LLCER degree focused on Japanese language and civilisation. In 2023 I went back for two weeks, enough to enjoy it but far too short to see much. Japan is a country where festivals, landscapes and local traditions are spread across regions and across the whole year. Many of these things follow the seasons rather than a schedule, so you have to be there at the right time to experience them.

That is what the Working Holiday programme would give me. I want to travel through Hokkaido, Kansai and Kyushu, places I have only passed through before, and spend real time in them instead. What draws me most are the seasonal festivals, the onsen and the landscapes of the north and of Kyushu, things that only reveal themselves to someone who stays. I have enough savings to support myself throughout the stay, and I may work part time at some point, but travelling is the main purpose of this stay. I already know what daily life in Japan is like, so I am not starting from scratch. I just want more time to discover the rest.

I understand the conditions and the purpose of the Working Holiday programme, and I will respect them throughout my stay. Thank you for considering my application.

Yours faithfully,